

December 13, 2013

Dear Wisconsin dry cleaner,

Enclosed is your 2014-2015 Dry Cleaner Compliance Calendar, produced by the Wisconsin Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. This calendar provides an overview of hazardous waste and air emission requirements for perchloroethlyene (perc) dry cleaners and assists you with record keeping required by the state and federal regulations. The important features of the calendar include: space for recording your leak detection inspections, keeping track of your perc purchases, logging your condenser monitoring, and maintaining records of repairs, along with reminders of important due dates. Keep a calendar next to each machine and all your records will be in one place if an inspector visits your store.

We also have some important news and reminders for you:

- The Small Business Clean Air Assistance Program is now the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program. The program is expanding to offer a wider range of assistance on a variety of environmental topics.
- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is requesting that all perc users report annual usage. Included with your calendar is a postcard for reporting the amount of perc you purchased in 2013. If your perc usage was 23 gallons or more (estimated at 151 pounds emitted), you are required to provide this information, as outlined in NR 438.03 Wis. Adm. Code. If you purchased less than 23 gallons, reporting is voluntary. However, this information will help DNR better understand and work with the dry cleaning community in order to provide valuable compliance assistance tools to help you improve your environmental performance and bottom line.

Postcards are due to DNR by March 1, 2014. If you need more space for reporting, a larger version of the form is available on our web site at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/CompAssist/documents/sb/AnnualPercUsageReport.pdf.

■ New this year – pollution prevention and sustainability information. These sections will give you helpful tips for reducing the risk of a release of contaminants as well as ideas to make your business more environmentally friendly and save you money!

If you have questions about the requirements and how they affect your shop, call us at 855-889-3021 (toll free), send an e-mail to DNRSmallBusiness@wi.gov, or visit our web site at http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/compassist/sb/. Our program is advisory, non-regulatory, and free!

Sincerely,

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